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**For: MANIPULATION AND DETECTION OF  
PROTEIN PHOSPHATASE 2C - PP2C $\alpha$  -  
EXPRESSION IN TUMOR CELLS FOR  
CANCER THERAPY, PREVENTION AND  
DETECTION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In this Preliminary Amendment, being submitted with a request for a CPA (enclosed) and the necessary fees, please make the following changes:

**In the Claims:**

**Please delete claims 49-51 without prejudice.**

**Please amend claim 65 as follows:**

65. (Twice Amended) A method of treating cancer in a patient comprising:  
detecting a type of cancerous cells in the patient wherein a decrease in  
PP2C $\alpha$  gene activity is detected;

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